REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 11 are amended, and claims 5 and 6 are canceled. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); (c) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; (d) do not present any additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims; and (e) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection]. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

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The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,069,593 to Lebby in view of 2001/003707A1 to Moriya; claims 4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lebby in view of Moriya and further in view of 2001/0035849A1 to Kimura et al.; claims 5, 6 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lebby in view of Moriya and further in view of 2002/005824A1 to Oshitani et al.; claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lebby in view of Moriya and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,568,928 to Biferno; claims 3 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lebby in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,144,292 to Shiraishi et al. and further in view of 2000-105573 to Yamashita; claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Lebby in view of Moriya and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,736,754

to Shi et al.; and claims 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Lebby in view of Moriya and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,493,690 to Shimazaki.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest that the liquid crystal device is a transflective liquid crystal display device, as claimed in claim 1.

Claim 1 is amended to include the features of original claim 5. In rejecting claim 5, the Office Action admits that Lebby, in view of Komiya does not disclose that the liquid crystal device is transreflective. However, the Office Action asserts that Oshitani makes up for this deficiency.

However, Oshitani does not constitute prior art. The effective prior art date for Oshitani is June 22, 2001. However, the present application claims priority from Japanese application 2001-008712 filed January 17, 2001. Thus, Oshitani does not constitute prior art and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

Further, none of the applied art teaches, discloses or suggests suspending display by the organic EL device by switching automatically display by the LCD when a remaining charge of the battery provided in the electronic apparatus becomes a predetermined remaining charge, as claimed in claim 13.

Instead, Biferno merely discloses that the third element in the display stack is a backup display means which becomes visible to the viewer when the EL display and background means are not energized. Thus, the features recited in claim 13 are distinguishable over the applied art.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

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I. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 3, 4 and 7-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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